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SUBJECT: UN PARTICIPATION AT THE JERSULEM MEETING

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1. AMBASSADOR LEONARD CALLED ON UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL GUYER JANUARY 11 PM, AFTER APPEARANCE HERE OF WIRE SERVICE STORY REPORTING ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT UN WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE JERSUALEM MEETING. GUYER SAID KITTY TELTSCH WAS PLANNING TO WRITE IN NY TIMES THAT SYG WAS KNUCKLING UNDER TO SOVIET PRESSURE IN STAYING AWAY FROM JERUSALEM MEETING. NEITHER THE ISRAELI MFA ANNOUNCEMENT NOR TELTSCH'S ASSUMPTION, GUYER CONTINUED, WERE CORRECT. HANDLING OF UN PARTICIPATION IN JERUSALEM WAS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

2. GUYER THEN REVIEWED THE PROBLEM FROM THE UN PERSPECTIVE: ON THE ONE HAND, SYG LACKS A LEGAL OR CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE TO GO TO JERUSALEM. MOREOVER, THE RADICAL ARABS AND THE SOVIETS HAD MADE CLEAR THEIR OBJECTION TO UN PARTICIPATION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION CURRENT WITH THE JERUSALEM MEETING COULD NOT BE RULED OUT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EGYPTIANS AND THE ISRAELIS, AS WELL AS THE US AND OTHERS, WERE PRESSING FOR UN PARTICIPATION.

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THE SECRETARIAT STILL HOPED TO BE ABLE TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA, ALONG THE LINES OF THE SUGGESTED BY WALDHEIM TO THE SECRETARY IN TEHERAN 0349. IT NEEDED MORE TIME, HOWEVER, FOR SUCH A FORMULA TO BE WORKED OUT - GUYER WENT ON- AND THE ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT UNDERCUT THIS EFFORT ("A DELIBERATE ACT OF SABOTAGE"). GUYER ADDED THAT EGYPTIAN CHARGE BADAWI, WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION THIS

MORNING, HAD BEEN FAVORABLE TO THE GENERAL APPROACH OF HAVING SIILAVVUO STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE PARTIES TO THE JERUSALEM MEETING ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE UN.

3. IN PHONE CALL WITH RUQUHART (IN TEHERAN WITH SYG), WHILE LEONARD WAS PRESENT, GUYER RECOMMENDED THAT SIILASVUO'S OFFICE IN JERUSALEM ISSUE A CLARIFICATION INDICATING THAT NO DECISION RE UN PARTICIPATION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN. SUBSEQUENTLY, LEONARD PHONED TELTSCH TO MAKE SIMILAR POINT AND TO SUGGEST THAT NY TIMES JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT CHECK THIS OUT AGAIN WITH SIILASVUO. TELTSCH SAID SHE WOULD DO SO.

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